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PRIZE MEDALS
OF THE
ROYAL GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY.

THE Council of the Royal Geographical Society, in pursuance of the intention expressed in their Annual Report, May, 1868, have invited the following 37 Schools, containing in the aggregate about 12,700 boys, to compete, in 1869, for their Annual Prize Medals.

*List of Schools invited to compete, in 1869, for the Medals of the
ROYAL GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY.*

*English Schools.**—Birmingham, King Edward's School; Brighton College; Cheltenham College; Clifton College; Dulwich College; Eton College; Greenwich, Royal Naval School; Haileybury College; Harrow; Hurstpierpoint; Liverpool College; London,—Charter House, Christ's Hospital, City of London School, King's College School, Merchant Taylors', St. Paul's, University College School, and Westminster;—Manchester School; Marlborough College; Repton; Rossall; Rugby; Shoreham; Shrewsbury; Uppingham; Wellington College; Winchester.

Scotch Schools.—Aberdeen Grammar School; Edinburgh Academy; Edinburgh High School; Glasgow High School.

Irish Schools.—Ennis College; Enniskillen Royal School; Dungannon Royal School; Rathfarnham, St. Columba's College.

The following Circular Letter has been sent to the Head Masters of the invited Schools:—

Royal Geographical Society, 15, Whitehall Place, London, S.W.

SIR,—By order of the President and Council I have the honour to inform you that the Royal Geographical Society propose to encourage the study of Geography in Great Britain, by the offer of prizes for general competition among the boys of the principal Schools, as indicated in the accompanying list.

The Royal Geographical Society offer two Medals of Gold, and two of Bronze, one of each to successful Candidates in an annual Examination in Political Geography and in Physical Geography respectively. The Society will also publish the names of such other boys as may have eminently distinguished themselves in the Examinations.

The Examination will take place on the first Monday in May, 1869, and will be repeated in each succeeding year until further notice.

The Examination will be conducted by means of sealed papers of questions,

* These include the nine Schools of the Royal Commission of 1864, and all others that, according to the latest edition (1866) of the 'Public School Calendar,' contain not less than 200 boys.

sent simultaneously to the invited Schools. A copy of the several forms to be used in connexion with the Examination, is appended to this letter.

The only limitations in respect to the competition are as follow:—

Four boys *only* in each of the invited Schools can be admitted to the Examination in Political Geography, and the same number to that in Physical Geography.

No boy can compete in both subjects in the same year.

A Medallist may not again compete for the same Medal.

The President and Council will be glad to be informed whether any boys from the School over which you preside, are likely to compete. They will give due consideration to any remarks or suggestions you may think proper to make in reference to the Examinations of future years.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

H. W. BATES,

Assistant Secretary.

To the Head Master of —— School.

Forms used in the Examinations of the ROYAL GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY.

FORM No. 1.

Royal Geographical Society, 15, Whitehall Place, London, S.W.

SIR,—I beg to remind you that the School over which you preside is among those invited by the Royal Geographical Society to compete for their annual Medals, as is stated in the list, a copy of which you will already have received.

The number of Candidates from your School is strictly limited to four in Political and to four in Physical Geography. No boy can compete in the same year for both subjects.

The Examinations will take place simultaneously at the several Schools on the first Monday in May (viz. May —, 18—), between the hours of 9 and 12 A.M., and 2 and 5 P.M., by means of papers of questions, to be hereafter sent under seal to you and to the Head Masters of the other invited Schools.

If any among your scholars, subject to the above limitations in respect of number, desire to accept the invitation of the Royal Geographical Society, I beg you will send me a list of their names, ages, residences when at home, and the subject—whether Political or Physical Geography—in which they severally desire to compete.

It will be essential to their admission to the competition, that you should send me this return not later than April —.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

H. W. BATES,

Assistant Secretary.

FORM No. 2.

LETTER OF INSTRUCTIONS.

Royal Geographical Society, 15, Whitehall Place, London, S.W.

SIR,—I beg to inform you that the papers for the ensuing Examinations in Geography will be forwarded by post on ——, the —— day of ——, in a parcel addressed to you at ——.

You will have the goodness to let me know by post, or by telegraph if necessary, if the parcel is not duly delivered to you on the following morning, so that I may, if required, send duplicate papers in time for the Examination.

The outer wrapper of this parcel should be opened as soon as it is received, when you will find the papers for the morning and the evening enclosed in separate envelopes. The seal of each separate envelope is to be broken in the presence of the assembled Candidates, at the commencement of the time appointed for the Examination. This direction, as well as the *order* and *hours* prescribed for the examination, must be *strictly* observed.

There must be neither globe, map, nor any other geographical illustration in the room where the examination is held.

Writing-paper of foolscap size, blotting-paper, twine or tape, and pens and ink should be provided for the use of the Candidates.

Three hours *only* are allowed for each paper.

All writing must cease at the end of three hours to a *moment*, notice of the time having been given to the Candidates ten minutes previously.

At the appointed hour the papers should be collected; those on each subject separately. One Master at least must be present during the whole time assigned to each paper, and it will be his duty to expel any Candidate who shall be guilty of unfair dealing in the Examination. I beg to invite your careful attention to the accompanying "Advice to Candidates" and to the terms of the "Form of Declaration" to be sent with the papers, which will have to be signed by *all* the Masters present during the working of the several papers. After the Declaration has been filled up and signed, it should be tied up with the papers, and the whole should be sealed up and forwarded to me.

This must be done separately for the papers both morning and afternoon.

The Council of the Royal Geographical Society implicitly rely on your honour and judgment to enforce these regulations with scrupulous care, and to adopt the most effectual precautions against the possibility of communication between Candidates in the Examination-room, or any other irregularity.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

H. W. BATES,

Assistant Secretary.

FORM No. 3.

ADVICE TO CANDIDATES.

When the paper is given to you, *first* look to the instructions printed at the head of it, and *then* read the questions carefully over, marking those which you think you can answer best. Do them first, and, if any time remains, you may try some of the others; but do not exceed the number of questions appointed to be answered. Remember that a few accurate and sensible answers will gain a higher number of marks than a great number of indifferent attempts.

Write your full Christian and surname at the head of the first page, and your surname, at least, at the head of all the others.

Write *legibly* and *neatly*, leaving a margin unwritten upon.

Write only on one side of the page.

As far as possible, avoid prolixity in your answers.

As soon as notice is given (ten minutes before the end of the time) finish your papers, see that they are numbered rightly, and paged in their proper order. Fasten them with twine or tape at the upper left-hand corner, and leave them *unfolded* at your seat.

CAUTION.

Any Candidate attempting to take unfair advantages: such, for example, as having in his possession *any* book or written paper, or seeking or receiving assistance from another, will be immediately expelled from the Examination.

No Candidate may speak to another Candidate, on any pretence whatever, under pain of expulsion.

Whoever gives assistance will be treated in the same manner as he who receives or asks for it.

FORM No. 4.

DECLARATION.

School of _____.

We, the undersigned, hereby declare that the papers on _____ Geography, which are forwarded herewith, were worked, in our presence, by the _____ Candidates whose names they respectively bear, without any assistance whatever from books, notes, or memoranda, from each other, from ourselves, or any other person, and that there was no globe, map, nor other geographical illustration in the room where they were written. We declare that all the other regulations contained in the Letter of Instructions were faithfully observed, and that we were present uninterruptedly during the whole of the time respectively specified after our names.

Name, designation, and address of Masters of the School who were present during the working of the papers referred to in the above Decla- ration.	} A. B., &c., from to . C. D., &c., from to .
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N.B.—*The Masters of the School will appreciate the importance of this Declaration. The strict observance of the conditions prescribed by the Royal Geographical Society in their "Letter of Instructions" and "Advice to Candidates," is essential to secure equal justice to the several competitors.*

*Syllabus of Examinations for the Prize Medals of the ROYAL
GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY.*

EXAMINATION IN POLITICAL GEOGRAPHY.

This Examination will take place simultaneously at the several invited Schools, according to the printed regulations, on the first Monday in May, 1869, and will consist of two papers of three hours each; the one to be answered between 9 and 12 A.M., and the other between 2 and 5 P.M.

No. 1 Examination Paper will consist of questions on the following subjects:—

A. Descriptive Geography.—The nature of latitude and longitude. What are the distances, speaking roughly, and as learnt by the careful study of a globe, between such remote places as may be specified? What places of importance lie on the direct way between them? What is the relative size, speaking roughly, of such well-known countries, mountains, and rivers, as may be specified?

Three or more "Aspects of Nature" named in the following list will be selected, and the Candidates will be required to describe their geographical features, especially in their relation to human wants and manner of life, illustrating their answers by special examples. *List of Selected Aspects of Nature* :—jungle; pine-forest; tropical forest; llanos; bush in South

Africa ; scrub in Australia ; moor ; fen ; bog ; lagoon ; mangrove-swamp ; large river in temperate zone ; large river in tropics ; periodical river in arid country ; delta ; large fresh-water lake ; large salt-water lake ; alluvial plain ; savannah ; desert ; stony desert ; high mountain chain ; glacier ; moraine, ancient and modern ; plateau ; steppe ; Polar scenery ; coral island ; volcano.

Extra marks will be allowed for sketches, but only so far as they are effective illustrations of what cannot otherwise be easily expressed. No encouragement will be given to artistic merit, *per se*.

B. *Historical Geography*.—Embracing (1) the boundaries of states and empires at different historical periods ; (2) the chief lines of commerce, ancient and modern ; (3) the topography of great capitals ; (4) the influence of geographical features and conditions upon the distribution of races and political history of mankind.

No. 2 Examination Paper will consist wholly of questions on special subjects.

The special subjects appointed for 1869 are :—

A. *Geography of Palestine*, descriptive and historical.

B. *Geography of Plants useful to Man*, considered with reference to the conditions of growth, to the distribution, and to the applications of the plants and their products named in the following selected list :—*Cereals*—wheat ; barley ; rye ; oats ; maize ; rice ; doora. *Other Furanaceous Plants*—sago-palm ; mandioca ; potato ; yams. *Fruits*—date ; banana ; bread-fruit ; grape ; orange ; cocoa-nut. *Textiles*—cotton ; flax ; hemp ; jute. *Oils*—olive ; palm. *Sugar-producing Plants*—cane ; beet-root ; date ; maple. *Spices and Stimulants*—tobacco ; pepper ; tea ; coffee ; chocolate ; maté. *Gums and Resins*—the various kinds of India-rubber ; gutta percha.

EXAMINATION IN PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY.

This Examination will take place simultaneously at the several invited Schools, at the same hours and under precisely the same regulations as those in Political Geography.

No. 1 Examination Paper will consist of questions on the following subjects :—

A. *Configuration of the Earth*, as learnt by careful study of a globe. What are the distances, speaking roughly, between such remote places as may be specified ? What places of importance lie on the direct way between them, and what is the section along it ? What is the relative size, elevation, &c., speaking roughly, of such well-known districts, mountains, and rivers, as may be specified ?

B. *Selected Aspects of Nature*.—Three or more of the aspects of Nature named in the following list will be selected, and the Candidates will be required to answer questions upon their physical characteristics, and the theory of those characteristics, illustrating their answers by special examples. *List*.—Chief mountain-forms ; glaciers and moraines ; volcanoes ; deserts, sandy and stony ; mines ; gold-fields ; lakes, fresh and salt ; phenomena of Polar regions, rivers, river-basins and watersheds.

Extra marks will be allowed for sketches, but only so far as they are effective illustrations of what cannot otherwise be easily expressed. No encouragement will be given to artistic merit, *per se*.

C. *General Physical Geography*.—Prominent features of the distribution of climate, rain, winds, ocean currents, minerals, vegetation and animal life, magnetism.

No. 2 Examination Paper will consist wholly of questions on special subjects.

The special subjects appointed for 1869 are :—

A. *Physical Geography of Palestine*.

B. *The Physical Geography of the Mediterranean Sea, and of its basin*.
